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1. GHANAIAAN PRESS REPORTS THAT A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE BETWEEN GHANA AND BENIN ENDED IN ACCRA DEC. 12 WITH FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION. AGREEMENTS, SIGNED BY GHANA'S ARMY COMMANDER BRIGADIER R.E.A. KOTEI AND BENIN FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL ALLADAYE, DEALT WITH VISAS, TOURISM, ROAD TRANSPORTATION, CULTURE, HEALTH AND POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. OTHER AREAS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION -- AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, LEGAL COOPERATION AND EXTRADITION -- WERE STUDIED AS WELL. DRAFT AGREEMENTS IN THESE AREAS WILL FORM THE BASIS OF THE NEXT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, SLATED FOR COTONOU SOMETIME IN 1977.

2. IT NOT CLEAR WHAT SPECIFIC BILATERAL STEPS WILL BE TAKEN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BUT IT APPEARS (1) NATIONALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN EACH AOTHER'S COUNTRY FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE GETTING RESIDENT PERMITS, (2) GHANA WILL EVENTUALLY ESTABLISH A DIRECT TELEPHONE LINK WITH BENIN, (3) A PASSENGER BUS SERVICE WILL BE STARTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND (4) GHANA WILL IMPORT OIL PALM PRODUCTS FROM BENIN FOR HER VEGETABLE OIL MILLS AND SOAP INDUSTRIES, WHILE EXPORTING TIMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS TO BENIN.

3. WILL ADVISE WHEN DATE FOR NEXT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING KNOWN.
PRESS CLIPPINGS ON THIS MEETING BEING POUCHED COTONOU. SMITH
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